1101 M. E.—Rs. 2,464—14—7.

(2) Rs. 5,297—3—6.

(3) Vide the list appended. (*Appendix I.*)

(4) The groynes put up at Ochanturuttu and the canals that are opened in Elankunnapuzha and Narakkal villages are instances of similar works.

The Manjankuzhi chira.

116. **Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.**—Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(1) whether they have come to know of the forcible illicit cutting open of the Manjankuzhi *chira* last year;

(2) whether they were informed through wire and petitions by the ryots of the locality about this, and that protection should be given for safeguarding the bund;

(3) if so, how many days before the breaking of the bund were they informed;

(4) the extent of damage caused, since the *chira* was not protected;

(5) whether any arrangements have been made by the Government to make good the loss sustained?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—(1) Yes.

(2) Yes; there was a telegram from the people of Parappukkara to the Diwan.

(3) Six days.

(4) There was not any appreciable damage.

(5) Vide answer to sub-division (4).

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—What were the precautionary measures taken for protecting the bund, as information was given six days before the incident?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—The Police were informed to go to the *chira* every day for enquiry to see that the bund is not interfered with.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Was the constable on the spot, when the *chira* was cut open?

President.—It was done during the night.

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—There was no constable at that time. The constable was doing his duty by going there once a day for the protection of the *chira*.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—I want to know whether proper precautionary measures were taken.

President.—By "proper precautionary measures", do you mean that more constables should have been detailed for duty ever since information was received, and that they should have been asked to be there on both day and night by turns so

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that the bund is watched at all time? You wanted such a protection, and it was not given. Is it not?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—Such a precaution was not necessary.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—In the answer it is given that there was no appreciable damage. Was any estimate taken regarding the damages?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—That answer was furnished on the report of the Revenue authorities.

Rao Sahib Mr. T. V. Kasturi Ranga Ayyar.—On enquiry it was found that the damage done to the *chira* was not of an appreciable nature.

The Mukundapuram Irrigation Report.

117. Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar—Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(1) the progress made on the Mukundapuram Irrigation Report up to date, since it has received His Highness' assent so long as on the 20th Karkadagam 1092;

(2) to place on the table the file containing the Report of the Special Officer which was not then placed on the table. (Vide answer to my question No. 323 of the Kumbham session.)

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—(1) The investigation of the Muriyad Drainage Scheme for hydraulic data is not complete.

(2) The Report of the Special Engineer with estimates Ayacut statements and field sketches on the Muriyad Drainage Scheme is placed on the Secretary's table.

The Alpanghat canal.

118. Mr. Poulo Mampilli.—(a) Will the Government be pleased to state if it has received a petition requesting it to extend the Alpanghat canal in the Narakkal village;

(b) if any representations have been received, will the Government kindly state what action it has taken in the matter?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—(a) Yes.

(b) The matter was enquired into. The work not being urgent and the cost prohibitive, the consideration of the question of executing the work has been postponed.

The Canauli canal contribution.

119. Mr. O. R. Chummar.—Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(1) whether the Cochin Government have given or agreed to give any contribution to the British Government in the

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